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GRAFTON CABLE TELEVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Dec. 20th, 2021

A meeting of the Grafton Cable Television Oversight Committee was held on Dec. 20th, 2021 via ZOOM.

Members participating are listed below:

Attendees: by roll call – Jim Gallagher, Bob Hassinger, Bob Berger, Jack Kelley, Lisa Kelley, Corson Wyman, Bob DeToma. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following represents the results of the meeting:

Public Input – None.

Meeting Minutes -

Bob Berger moved to accept minutes of 11-15-21 as written, Jack Kelley 2nd. Unanimous by roll call vote

Next Meeting -

Thursday 1-20-22 remote via Zoom 7PM.

Treasurers Report -

Bob Berger reviewed the Treasurers Report. Members received copies via email. Detailing expenditures, and revenue taken in. Current balance \$791,912.70 The Chair presented an Invoice for Broadcast Pix Warranty service. Mr. Hassinger requested a detail list of coverage.

Studio Report -Closed Captioning -

Bob DeToma reported that there have been challenges related to equipment. Tightrope servers PUB Streaming, and EDU Carousel have crashed. PUB requires a hard drive, EDU requires a power supply. Cost to replace approx. \$400 to \$500 dollars. (based on availability). Details to be presented in January. The I-Mac (aka Kris Mac) crashed, and required a new hard drive, it was replaced with a solid state drive total \$650. Closed Captioning services have been narrowed down to a new service provided by Tightrope. This will require a major upgrade. Cost approx. \$37k, waiting on demo. No video available as of yet. In addition this service also offers the ability to broadcast LIVE from any plug-in internet connection. This upgrade also promises the ability to do live programming from remote locations (assuming we purchase new remote studio equipment). The Annual Open House was held on Dec. 5th, and was a big success. Over 12 families attended and made use of the Green Screen for family holiday messages. Bob reported on the outline of the Spring Producers Course. Course to be held in April 2022, and the course will be held even if we have only one potential producer. Promo videos have been produced by Bob, Bill, and Jack. Release date Jan. 2022. Press release to be prepared and sent through the Communication Specialist.

Studio Activity -

Jack Kelley reported on activities including Bus Stop Weather, and work with the interns for future projects. Bob Hassinger shared how much he enjoyed Bill Robidoux's "Backpacker Journal 2021" featuring our past producer Rick Schultze. Bob also remarked on how good the video looked, and marveling at far our video has come. Bob Berger asked to report on Town Meeting and how it relates to requests by Disability Commission. The T.A. will be hiring a sign language interpreter. An additional camera will be used to record the signer, and this will be visible only on the re-broadcast.

Adjourn -

Jack Kelley moved to adjourn, Bob Hassinger 2nd. Voted unanimously by roll call. 7:41 PM